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Field Crops Report

As of April 15, **Alfalfa** harvest progress was reported as 47 percent not being harvested, 9 percent light, 5 percent moderate, and 39 percent active. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 2 percent poor, 18 percent fair, 61 percent good, and 19 percent excellent. **Alfalfa** sheeping off was reported as none to light.

Cotton was reported as 36 percent planted, compared with 37 percent last year and 36 percent for the 5 year average.

As of April 15, 63 percent of **Durum Wheat**, 63 percent of **Barley**, 52 percent of **Winter Wheat**, and 58 percent of **Other Small Grains** were reported as headed.

Livestock, Range and Pasture Report

Range and Pasture conditions were reported as 11 percent poor, 23 percent fair, 50 percent good, and 16 percent excellent. **Livestock** were reported to be in fair to good condition. **Stock Water** was reported as adequate. **Soil Moisture** was reported as adequate. **Insect Damage** was reported as none to light.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops Report

Producers in central Arizona shipped broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, iceberg lettuce, mixed greens, romaine, and spinach last week. Producers in western Arizona shipped anise, bok choy, broccoflower, broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, cilantro, endive, escarole, kale, parsley, potatoes, radicchio, spinach, and swiss chard. Lettuce shipments included boston, iceberg, leaf and romaine.

Citrus shipments in central Arizona included tangerines, grapefruit, lemons, navels and valencias last week. Shipments from western Arizona included grapefruit, lemons, tangerines and valencias.

Weather Summary

Temperatures throughout the State were well below average for the week ending April 14. Temperatures ranged from 10 degrees below normal at Parker to 4 degrees below normal at Canyon De Chelly. The highest temperature of the week was 87 degrees at Gila Bend, while the lowest reading was 18 degrees at Grand Canyon. Precipitation was reported at 10 out of 17 reporting stations. Precipitation ranged from 0.03 inches at Tucson to 0.48 inches at Grand Canyon.

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Weather Information Table (temperatures, precipitation, and/or growing degree days)

**TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION DATA
 FOR THE WEEK APRIL 8 TO APRIL 14, 2001**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	50	-4	68	26	0.00	2.16	2.34
Casa Grande	66	-7	85	38	0.11	4.83	2.48
Coolidge	64	-6	86	36	0.12	4.82	2.78
Douglas	60	-7	82	23	0.00	1.75	1.79
Flagstaff	41	-5	59	20	0.22	6.80	7.49
Gila Bend	69	-6	87	47	0.00	3.10	1.96
Grand Canyon	41	-6	62	18	0.48	8.38	5.03
Kingman	57	-9	73	30	0.26	3.34	3.27
Parker	70	-10	82	44	0.00	1.51	1.68
Payson	52	-8	71	26	0.41	7.62	6.99
Phoenix	69	-7	85	46	0.04	4.32	2.41
Prescott Airport	50	-7	68	26	0.10	3.68	2.91
Safford Ag Center	61	-6	82	32	0.00	2.54	1.99
Tucson	65	-8	83	35	0.03	3.33	2.43
Willcox	57	-6	79	27	0.04	4.17	2.37
Winslow	52	-6	74	24	0.00	1.51	1.66
Yuma	71	-8	85	46	0.00	2.66	0.92

1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.

2/ Daily precipitation totals 5 a.m. to 5 a.m. instead of midnight to midnight. Periods of record used in computing "average to date" for precipitation and "departure" for average temperatures may be obtained from National Weather Service, Phoenix.

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